(c) Government is giving special attention to the growth of exports in the agricultural sector. The establishment of export oriented units in this sector is being given high priority. It has been decided that such units can avail of the benefits of duty-free imports under EOU/EPZ scheme even if they export 50 percent of their production. They can sell the remaining 50 percent in the domestic market as against the limit of 25 percent permitted for non-agricultural sector. The definition of 'capital goods' under the new EXIM Policy has been widened to cover capital goods used in agriculture and allied activities so that units in this sector can avail of the Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme for importing their requirement of equipment at a concessional rate of duty. Further-more, import duties on certain inputs and materials required by the agricultural sector have been lowered and they have been made freely importable. Various incentives have already been announced for the agricultural sector in the 1993-94 Budget. These changes are expected to give an impetus to agricultural exports.

Amendment/Modification to the EXIM Policy is a continuous process.

Trade among SAARC Countries

734. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the value of trade in SDR's and US Dollars among SAARC countries during 1992-93 and how does it compare to the year 1991-92;

(b) what are the major items of exchange among them with name of the maor exporting countries, item-wise;

(c) whether the SAARC Trade is expected to go up during 1993-94 as compared to 1992-93; and

(d) the steps taken so far by Government for promoting trade with the other SAARC countries ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) This information is not available with the Govt. of India.

(d) Trade with other SAARC countries is being promoted through both bilateral arrangements as well as the multilateral route. Trading arrangements with Nepal have been considerably liberalised recently. Measures have also been taken to promote trade with Bangladesh and Sri Lanka On the side, the framework agreement for South Asian. Preferential Trading Arangement (SAPTA) has recently been signed at the Dhaka Summit meeting.

निर्यात पर साम्प्रदायिक दंगों का प्रभाव

735 **श्री ईशदत्त यादव** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष 1992 में हुए साम्प्रदायिक दंगों का निर्यात पर गहरा प्रभाव पड़ा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन मदों का ब्यौरा क्या है जिनके निर्यात पर प्रभाव पड़ा है और विगत वर्षों की तुलना में उनके निर्यात में कितनी कमी आई है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी) : (क) और (ख) हालांकि यह बताना मुश्किल है कि देश के कुछ भागों में हुई गड़बड़ियों/साम्प्रदायिक दंगों का कितना प्रभाव पड़ा है लेकिन निर्यात निष्पादन पर इनका प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है ।

Export of Tractors by HMT

736. **SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO** : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the tractors exported by the Hindustan Machine Tools during each of the last three years country-wise; and